

Love Token Society

LOVE
January/
February



LETTER
1986

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

\$395.95	Balance
40.00	Dues
<u>150.00</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
\$285.95	Balance

Expenses:

Stamped envelopes	\$140.00
Postage	10.00
	<u>\$150.00</u>

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CALL FOR DUES - 1986

Dues for 1986 are now payable. Dues are \$5.00. Please send your checks to me at the following address:

Arthur P. Gershman
P.O. Box 16421
Arlington, Va. 22215

I will record your payment and forward the checks to Ken Hallenbeck, our treasurer, for deposit in our account.

By the way, congratulations to John Dietrich of Elgin, Illinois, who was the first to pay his dues for 1986. I received John's check on November 18, 1985. Thanks, John!

President:

Autence Bason

Vice-President:

Mimi Bizic

Secretary-Treasurer:

Arthur	Kenneth
Gershman	Hallenbeck

A Message From The President----- Autence A. Bason

Happy New Year! Now that 1986 is here let us all make a special effort to get an article written on that special Love Token that you have in your collection. Just think if every member wrote a paragraph or two, the new editor would have enough material for the entire year. This would certainly help in the research on Love Tokens also. Now during this cold weather when it feels good to stay inside why not get busy and do that exhibit that you have been thinking about doing...make it come true!

I promise to do all I can to make our Society a bigger and better organization. I can not do this without your help. So what would you like to see done? Let me hear from you.

Plans are being made for the meeting in Milwaukee--more about this later.

Here's to a great year for the Love Token Society! Will you raise your glass and drink a toast to that?? HAPPY COLLECTING in 1986.

BOB MITCHELL, COLLECTOR OF LOVE TOKENS & ENGRAVED COINS

LOVE TOKENS: I want any coin engraved with messages of love, names of persons, scenes of the sea, lighthouses, ships, animals, and other objects.

SATIRICAL TOKENS: Coins that have been reengraved to look like Jewish persons, hobos, soldiers, Irishmen, etc.

AWARD TOKENS: Those coins that are engraved and given for various feats of skill, ie. "One mile run", etc.

IDENTIFICATION TAGS: Those coins engraved with a servicemen's serial number, rank, etc.

MISC. PIECES: Any unusual pieces not mentioned above, pieces of jewelry, stickpins, necklaces, bracelets, enameled pieces, cut-out pieces, jeweled pieces, etc.

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Charter Member of The Love Token Society



"WANTED : Engraved seated quarter to resemble lady Liberty sitting on a chamber pot. Will buy or trade other love tokens for nicely done example. Bob Mitchell, 629 Monmouth Way, Winter Park, FL. 32792"

Thanks to Bob Webster of Pembroke, New Hampshire for his article on the Cass Love Token which appears in this issue of the Love Letter. Good job, Bob! Bob also writes that he enjoys collecting love tokens and that he has found some good ones. He wrote in October that he acquired a 14k gold token of President Garfield with the initials AB on the reverse. If you can identify the token please write to Bob at 54 High St., Pembroke, N.H. 03275.

This item appeared in the Stack's Auction Catalog for a sale conducted December 5, 1985:

Lot 645 FUGIO CENT. 1787 N.18-U (R-5). About Very Fine. Hand engraved on obverse with eagle at left and man's figure above with sun as face, arm pointing to "Ah" on the gnomon. A very unusual Love Token!

Stack's is the prestigious New York auction house. The Fugio Cent love token brought \$110.00 at auction.

FOR SALE \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Gold love token engraved on obv with a smiling dog similar to the RCA dog "His Masters Voice". Pin removed from rev. Overall VF. Asking \$115.

5th PRINTING STANDARD GUIDE TO LOVE TOKENS \$3.95 plus 73¢ postage. Signed and numbered copies available from the author:

Dr. Sol Taylor, P.O. Box 5465, N. Hollywood, CA 91616.

WANTED: Any merchant token with fancy (engraved) initial(s) that served as a love token. Also interested in Georgia tokens and medals and items from the 1895 Cotton States International Exposition. R. W. Colbert, 4156 Livsey Road, Tucker, Georgia 30084-2547.

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LOVE TOKENS

Large Cent, 1837-57 type	; L C, crude engraving, very worn & very plain - \$7.00
1863, Copper Nickel Cent	; W (or M) plain - \$6.50
1863, Copper Nickel Cent	; TMD to PFD / Aug 27 1884, holed, stamped, not engraved - \$8.50
1887, Cent, holed	; W. D. H., April 1, 1897, around One Cent on rev. - \$11.00
1918-d, Cent	; Nov 27 1918 (on plained down rev.) - \$7.00
Two cent piece	; S, plain, crudely done, worn - \$6.50
Two cent piece	; JOGT, nicely done, though light, once silvered - \$15.00
Three cent Silver, Ty I	; (Shield) crude, lightly done, holed - \$7.50
1851 Three Cent Silver	; A. M. L., plain, 2 holes - \$7.50
1868 Three Cent Nickel	; I, (branches & bird) very ornate - \$12.50
1865 Three Cent Nickel	; 1867, WW, WTW, on rev. amid columns / T on obv. - \$10.00
Shield Nickel with Rays	; MVE entwined, fancy, crudely holed / cat. F.A. Davis - \$20.00
1886 Liberty Nickel	; J A Kennedy, had been gold plated, loop removed - \$12.50
1883 Liberty Nickel, holed	; Carrie, gold plated, reeded enge (Racketeer Nickel) - \$40.00
Liberty Nickel	; PCK, entwined, nice - \$7.00
1845 Half Dime	; T, fancy borders - \$10.00
1849 Half Dime	; Grandma, fancy, pin removed - \$15.00
1870 Half Dime	; SJ (or JS) plain, loop removed - \$7.00
1840 Dime, holed	; ML, fairly plain, pin removed - \$5.00

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THE ANSON B. CASS TOKEN OF
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The trace of origin, the history and personal touch of the majority of love tokens is unknown and has been lost forever through death of loved ones and time lapse.

Knowing the history, if possible, of your love tokens gives you a greater appreciation of them. The history, adds romance and much significance to them when you're speaking of love tokens with collectors.

Among my favorite love tokens, is the "A. B. Cass" token of Short Falls, New Hampshire. This token is crudely hand punched on a smoothed reverse of an 1877 liberty-seated dime. A heart and two diamonds have also been stamped in. (See illustration below.)

When I located the "A. B. Cass" love token, I became intrigued immediately due to the fact that I had spent part of my boyhood days at my grandfather's farm which was near the Cass farm and is located 15 miles East of Concord, New Hampshire.

Those days in the mid-forties and early fifties were great fun. My grandfather would come to get us in his 1929 Ford truck and my brothers and sister would help him pick vegetables. The day I'll never forget was the time I was outside working and heard a shotgun blast from inside the house. My brothers shot a huge hole in the oven door of my grandfather's old black stove! No one ever forgot—especially my father. I was thrilled to have been outside; usually it was the opposite for me in my boyhood days.

Recently, I had the pleasure to meet Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cass of Short Falls, New Hampshire. Mr. Cass who was born in 1912, informed me that his grandfather Anson B. Cass whom he presumed was responsible for striking this love token, was born in 1852 at the Cass farm.

The Cass family's farm consisted of 250 acres livestock and vegetable farming. In the mid 1930's, Robert Cass began breeding New Hampshires which is a breed of chickens. (See letterhead above.)

The Anson B. Cass token belonged to Mr. Cass's mother, Inis Cass, who recently celebrated her 99th birthday.

I am most fortunate to be a student, collector and enthusiast of American love tokens. Their rewards have been most gratifying to me by virtue of their history as well as the people who have possessed them in the past.

The "Anson B. Cass" token, of Short Falls, New Hampshire, will always be a favorite in my collection and memories of my youthful carefree days.



Robert Wester
Pembroke,
New Hampshire

Love Taken Society

LOVE

LETTER

MARCH/APRIL

1986



FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

\$285.95	Balance
613.00	Dues & Contributions
1.55	Interest
<u>149.01</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
\$751.49	Balance

Expenses:

Printing	\$87.01
A.N.A.	25.00
Bank Crg	10.00
Publicat.	7.00
<u>Postage</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Expenses	149.01

231 Members

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Last Call for Dues - 1986

Dues for 1986 are now past due. Members not paying when the next Love Letter is sent will not receive the May-June issue. Please make your checks for \$5.00 payable to LTS and send them to me at: P.O.Box 16421; Arlington, Va. 22215. As you will read in the President's Message, I am now Treasurer (actually, my lovely and talented wife, Bobbie is). Thanks to Ken Hallenbeck for a job W.D.!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT-----Autence A. Bason

We are well into 1986 and our editor has gotten off to a good start on the Love Letters. The first 1986 edition is now history and here is the second issue. I know there has been some response from the members with articles, so let us hear from the rest of you. This will keep a back log of material for the newsletter. We would like some letters on suggestions for a better organization and some constructive criticism--especially let us hear from members of the board.

My husband and I have just returned from Salt Lake City and the ANA Midwinter Convention. While viewing the exhibits I saw a most interesting Love Token exhibit. A two case exhibit that had a mirror background that showed the reverse of the tokens. There was a title, historical, and numismatic information, an all around good exhibit. This exhibit belongs to: Patricia T. Hansen of Salt Lake City, Utah. I understand that she has only been collecting about two years. Congratulations to Pat for winning the Peoples Choice Award at ANA. All exhibits are non-competitive at Midwinter ANA.

Ken Hallenbeck has resigned as treasurer of the Love Token Society and now the Secretary-Treasurer-Editor is all together again, Art Gershman has agreed to take on all of the duties of these offices.

Put these dates in your calendar and plan on attending the ANA in Milwaukee August 5-9 1986. The Love Token Meeting will be Friday 8th at 11 AM.

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"THE LINCOLN-CARSON TOKEN"

THIS INTERESTING TOKEN, CARRIED FOR MANY YEARS BY AN OBSCURE BUT VERY IMPORTANT MAN, HAS A MOST INTERESTING STORY BEHIND IT.

THE TOKEN ACTUALLY SERVED AS AN IDENTIFICATION PIECE BETWEEN TWO IMPORTANT SPIES DURING THE CIVIL WAR. ONE OF THE SPIES, A VIRGINIAN NAMED WILL CARSON (1804 - 1879), WHOSE INITIALS APPEAR ON THE REVERSE, WAS ENTRUSTED WITH A MISSION SO DELICATE AND SECRETIVE THAT IT WAS KNOWN TO ONLY THREE MEN.

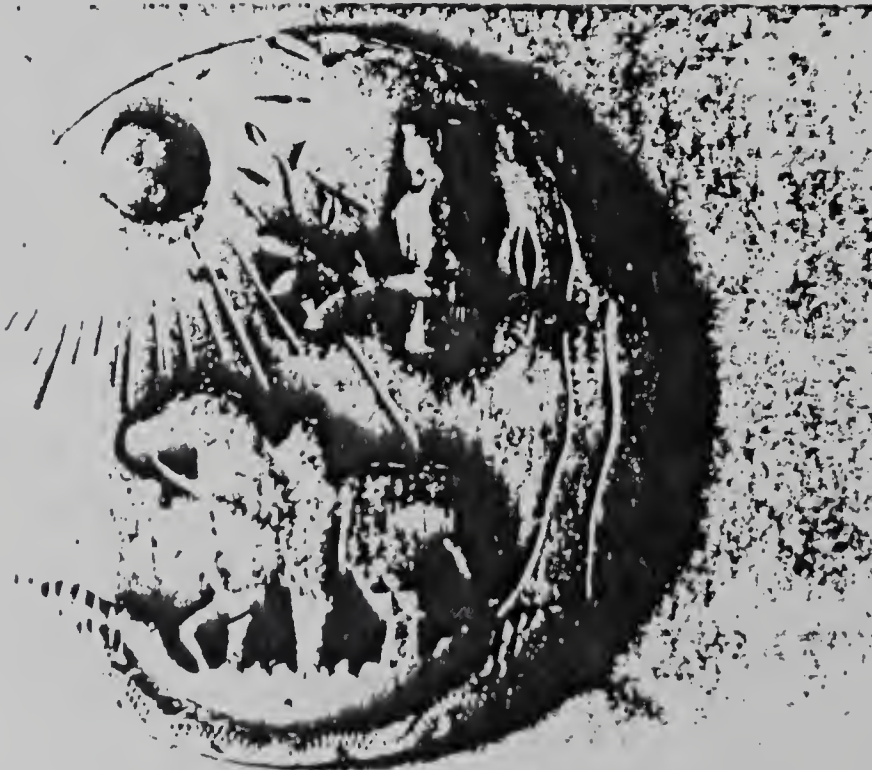
PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN SUMMONED HIM TO HIS QUARTERS ONE COLD RAINY NIGHT AND OUTLINED WHAT HE MUST DO. LINCOLN EXPLAINED THAT IF HE WERE TO FAIL, IT COULD MEAN THE LOSS OF THOUSANDS OF NORTHERN LIVES AND IN FACT, POSSIBLY EVEN THE WAR. CARSON WAS TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH A NORTHERN SYMPATHIZER AT THE BASE OF STONE MOUNTAIN ON CHRISTMAS EVE, 1862. THERE HE WAS TO OBTAIN DETAILED INFORMATION ON SOUTHERN TROOP MOVEMENTS, INCLUDING ARTILLERY STRENGTH AND THE DIVISIONS INVOLVED.

ACCORDING TO THE STORY, THIS TOKEN, ACTUALLY GIVEN TO CARSON BY LINCOLN, WOULD PROVIDE POSITIVE ASSURANCE THAT HE WAS WHO HE SAID HE WAS TO THE INFORMER (WHOSE NAME WAS NEVER KNOWN). CARSON WAS INSTRUCTED BY LINCOLN TO RIDE HIS HORSE TO THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN, TO A CERTAIN TREE (WHICH HAD LONG BEEN KNOWN TO BE FREQUENTED BY A HUGE OWL) AND TO BE THERE AT PRECISELY 4 PM, JUST ABOUT DUSK. THERE HE WOULD BE SIGNALLED BY THE OTHER MAN (WE PRESUME IT WAS A MAN), WHO WOULD ASK HIM FOR A COIN OR TWO SO THAT HE COULD BUY SOME FOOD.

CARSON WAS FURTHER INSTRUCTED BY LINCOLN TO PASS THIS TOKEN ON TO THE INFORMER AS HIS "I.D.", AT WHICH TIME THE VITAL INFORMATION WOULD BE PASSED. THE TOKEN WAS RETURNED TO HIM AFTER THIS TRANSFER AND HE CARRIED IT WITH HIM UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1879 AT THE AGE OF 75, A REMEMBRANCE OF THE CRUCIAL INFORMATION HE SECURED FOR LINCOLN WHICH SAVED SO MANY LIVES. UNFORTUNATELY, NO ONE ELSE KNEW OF THIS HEROIC ACT OF PATRIOTISM.

THIS STORY IS COMPLETELY FICTITIOUS.....IT WAS WRITTEN BY BILL FIVAZ TO PROVIDE A LITTLE INTEREST IN THE RATHER UNUSUAL LOOKING TOKEN THAT YOU SEE HERE....SOUNDED GREAT, DIDN'T IT???

THE (NOW) FAMOUS "SO-CALLED"
LINCOLN-CARSON
TOKEN



Collectors' Clearinghouse

Love token search produces rare type set

Love tokens take top priority on our "two" Clearinghouse pages this week as we continue a tradition of some years' standing with our annual Valentine's Day feature.

In the following story, guest writer William F. Charlton of Indiana recounts how he began collecting love tokens. We show as many love tokens from his collection as space will allow. — Editor

By William F. Charlton

My search for love tokens began quite by accident, around the year 1970. One day during one of my many visits with a local collector/dealer friend, he showed me an 1824 Capped Bust half dollar which was beautifully engraved. My first reaction was what a waste and disregard for a nice, collectible coin. He practically insisted that I buy the coin and offered it at a price of \$2.50, which I accepted. Soon other engraved coins were offered by this friend, and my quest for love tokens was off and running.

When attending local coin shows, I would search through dealers' junk boxes for love tokens. When I found some in their cases, I found that they were reasonably priced for the period in which the coins were minted.

As my total acquisitions increased, I noticed I was acquiring a variety of different type coins. One day my first purchase was a 1-cent piece.



FOUNDED NOV. 21, 1960

Marlynn Thomas
Editor

purchased at a coin show in Elkhart, Ind., for what I thought was a reasonable price of \$7.

At first I was just buying love tokens for their beauty and romantic charm, but as the variety of type coins in my collection increased, my objective became to acquire a love token for every denomination and type coin in circulation during the period of their popularity.

Now the challenge was set and the search began. During the next 10 years, I limited myself to buying only type love tokens needed to complete my objective. Occasionally, I would purchase an exceptionally well-done piece, even though the type was not needed in my collection. An example is a beautiful, cut-out 1878 Seated Liberty quarter dollar.

My love token type set is now virtually complete and includes the following coins: 1847 Coronet cent, Flying Eagle cent, 1863 Indian Head copper-nickel cent, silver 3-cent piece, 1865 copper-nickel 3-cent piece, 1867 Shield 5-cent piece, 1883 Liberty 5-cent piece, 1840 half dime, 1834 Capped Bust dime, 1870 Seated Liberty dime, 1892 Barber dime, Winged Liberty Head dime, 1875 20-cent piece, 1875 Seated Liberty quarter dollar, 1899 Barber quarter dollar, 1810 Capped Bust half dollar, 1856 Seated Liberty half dollar, 1899 Barber half dollar, 1872 Seated Liberty dollar and an 1882 Morgan dollar. The search continues for a half cent, Capped Bust half dime, Capped Bust quarter dollar and the Trade dollar.

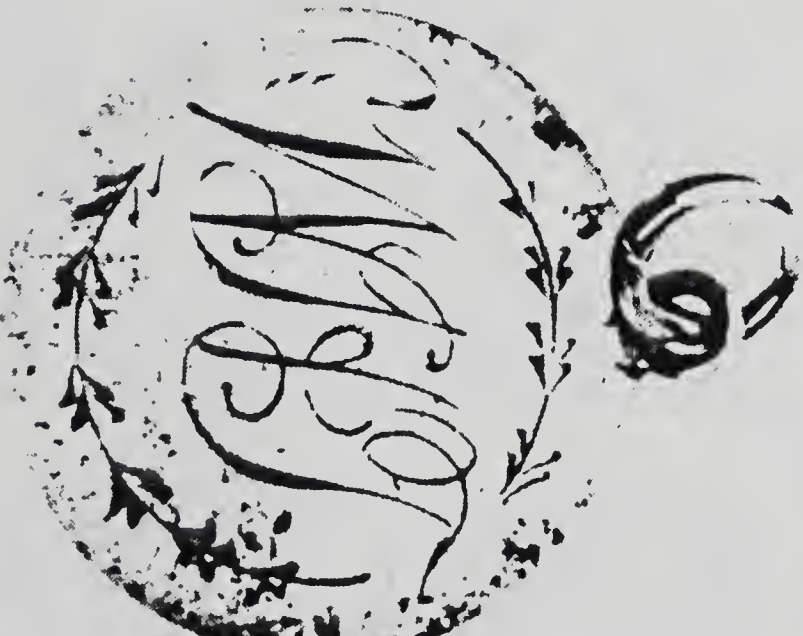
I have displayed my collection of love tokens at various local coin shows and was fortunate to receive the best of show award at the annual Elkhart Coin Show in 1980.

Through the years, I have acquired various pieces of love token jewelry and have weakened to the point where my collection now includes gold love tokens made from U.S. gold dollars, quarter eagles and \$3 gold pieces.

I have found love tokens at flea markets, antique shops and shows, coin club meetings, even one with a metal detector. They can be found anywhere. Don't limit your search. The main thing is to



An 1810 Capped Bust half dollar with artful engraving and initials S.L.



This 1853 3-cent love token with loop attached dangled from a chain.

Collectors' Clearinghouse

Love token tradition has roots in Europe

By Marilyn Tiernan

Collectors' Clearinghouse devotes two full pages to love tokens this week: our annual sampling of engraved coins and a second page feature by William F. Charlton who has collected a virtually complete U.S. type set of love tokens.

Coin World's annual Valentine's Day love token feature continues a tradition started by Clearinghouse's founding editor Jim Johnson in 1964. That 1964 article featured two love tokens. In 1965 only one love token was depicted, but each year since the feature has consisted of a full page.

All of the love tokens printed over the years were sent in by readers and this year is no different. For the benefit of our new readers, a short history of love tokens follows.

Many customs that have to do with coins have their roots in the superstitions that developed out of fear of the "evil eye," or are attributed to magical qualities of coins. Such pieces are often called amulets, talismans or charms.

Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary defines an amulet as "a charm (as an ornament) often inscribed with a magic incantation or symbol to protect the wearer against evil (as disease or witchcraft) or to aid him." The first definition for talisman by same dictionary defines it as "an object held to act as a charm to avert

evil and bring good fortune."

A form of talisman that has long been known in European countries is the engraved coin. One side was shaved off and engraved with a design of some personal significance. Another form, probably with an earlier history, and certainly more directly associated with lovers, was the bent coin. Such bent coins were commonly given by lovers to each other to convey, maintain and stimulate love.

Broken or cut coins were also treasured by lovers, especially those who were separated. They hoped that when the two parts could be brought together the owners might be joined in marriage. The broken coins, as tokens of love, are mentioned in a play by John Gray, performed at Drury Lane in 1715:

Yet justice permit us ere we part,

To break this ninnepence as you've broken our heart,

As this divides, thus are we torn in twain.

And as this meets, thus may we meet again.

Early love tokens

The early love tokens were coins that had been cut into heart-shaped pieces, usually inscribed with a suitable expression of sentiment. Occasionally a piece of colored glass was inserted as a symbol of a rarer gift that the donor

wished to make to the object of his love.

The engraving of love tokens came to the United States shortly after the Civil War. The coin itself was seemingly not important except that the date of some of them coincided with the event being immortalized by the love token. Presumably, the harder the man was working to impress his lady love, the better or more valuable would be the coin he had engraved.

The quality of the engraving was as varied as the coins. Some were quite obviously homemade, others were done by artistic amateurs, while many were done by skilled craftsmen. The result apparently depended on the affluence of the giver, his intent, or on how much he wanted to impress the target of his affections.

Love token collectors

Collectors of love tokens have banded together to form the Love Token Society, which meets each year at the American Numismatic Association convention. Secretary/treasurer of the society is Joe Lowry of Illinois.

Illustrated at the top of the page is a copy of the official membership application of the Love Token Society. It was founded in 1972 by Helen Moore of Largo, Fla. Readers who are interested in joining with more than 200 other se-

Capturing my attention first is a display titled "The Communion Token Story," set up by an exhibitor identified only as #28. (To permit unbiased exhibit judging and promote security, the owners of displays are not identified.) The notes for the exhibit tell me that communion tokens were first introduced by John Calvin and River in 1560, when they petitioned the council at Geneva to approve the use of the tokens in attempt to prevent the unworthy from gaining admission to the Lord's Supper. The Reformed Church of France adopted the use of communion tokens shortly thereafter, and before much additional time had elapsed, the tokens were widely used throughout Europe and, later, the world.

The communion tokens on exhibit are round in some instances, but many examples are oval, rectangular or scalloped in form. While certain later examples show the engraver's art to a high degree and even resemble modern tokens, many others, particularly early issues, are rustic and are said to have been made by local blacksmiths and others inexperienced in the coiners' trade. Helpfully, the exhibitor provides a list of printed references about the subject of communion tokens, allowing visitors to pursue their interests as desired.



AUTUMN GASON

FROM THE "NUMISMATIST"
COINS & COLLECTORS

THANKS, WALT MASON
FOR THE PHOTOS



rious love token collectors, can clip it out, fill it in and mail it to the society along with the \$5 membership fee.

A bimonthly newsletter featuring stories, poems and articles from other publications and members is mailed to all members.



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March 11, 1986

Arthur P. Gershman
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Arlington, VA 22215

Dear Mr. Gershman:

I had the opportunity to speak with Autence Bason at the ANA Convention in Salt Lake City recently.

She wanted to know if there was a way to get a copy of our upcoming auction catalog to all members of the Love Token Society. I don't know if you're familiar with our upcoming sale, but it includes approximately 500 Love Tokens from the Joe Lowry Collection, along with some others. All of the Tokens will be pictured.

We understand that you have about 200 members in your society and we could offer a copy to everyone for a flat \$500. Otherwise, the cost of the catalog will be \$7.00, which includes the prices realized.

Please advise us soon if you are interested. Our approximate shipping date is April 10th and we would need to receive your membership list prior to that time so that labels could be printed.

I will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Kurt R. Krueger
Kurt R. Krueger

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Thanks for your contributions: Thelma Carter of Marietta, Georgia.
Hoyd Entenmann of Andover, New Jersey
Claire Goodridge of Bristol, Connecticut
Antene Bason of Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Lowery:

My interest in Love Tokens dates back to the 1960's when I bought a few to put on a bracelet. There was no name for them that I knew of at that time. I also picked up a bracelet of domed English coins from an antique dealer's junk box. Guess I was an Exonumist(?) even then although I didn't know the word. I am enclosing a sample of a catalog card that I had printed in order to keepsome order in my collection of Love Tokens. Each coin is housed in a Whitman 2 piece plastic "snap" container usually used for 10¢ or 25¢ coins or a size to fit the Love Token. I am using the Sol Taylor -- Standard Guide to Love Tokens as my guide for identifying and grade-ing coins. Hopefully I will be attending the ANA conven-tion in Milwaukee and would appreciate any information about the Love Token meeting. The Love Token Society is my only contact to others in the Hobby. I would certainly like to see it keep going!

Sincerely,

Therese E. White
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Enc. SASE

No.- 10	LOVE TOKEN	
Metal- Gold	Coin-\$1 T.1	Date- ?
Class- 1.2	Condition- Holed	
Design- J.K.K.		

SAMPLE

Bought from- B& B coins
Date-8/15/84
At- Georgia mall

Price-\$40.00

Joseph Lowry of Elmwood Park, Illinois
Charles Roberts of Portland Maine

Edward O. Valentine of Dayton, Ohio
Helen Elizabeth Moore of Largo, Florida

THE SOAP BOXTM

This issue launches the SS Soap BoxTM. The column will be dedicated to the opinion of a guest author. Contributions are welcome and will be carefully considered for publication. This issue's guest author is Sr. Arturo Cabeza de Piedra from Venezuela.

A COIN COLLECTOR'S BUDGET

Economists talk about mankind's unlimited desires and limited means. This is especially true for the coin collector. How do you decide what to spend your limited budget on when all those goodies are dangled in front of you? Here's a handy technique I have developed to overcome this problem: First, the easy part; list how much money you can afford to spend on coins at present. To a dedicated collector this is all the money which your wife has not wasted frivolously on rent and grocery bills. Next, the fun part; list all those goodies you cannot do without; include the prices. Now, the hard part; select the items which fit into your budget. You may use this technique in a number of ways. You may make alternative lists, say an "A" list and a "B" list and choose between them. You can find out which of those single items are just too expensive for your pocketbook. Or, you may use it to define your true collecting interests. Try it! It works for me.

Here's an example to show you how it works:

Cash on hand ... \$100.

Things I want to buy ANA Membership\$21.
Brasher Dubloon\$725,000.
1913D Var. 2 Buffalo 5¢\$55.
Bower's "History of U.S. Coin\$37.
Barber 10¢ type coin in XF ..\$18.
1811 Bust 1/2D in VG\$32.

A quick glance shows that you can't afford Dave Bowers' book and all the coins on your list. Will you forego the book to buy the bust half? That's the hard part I told you about. It's your decision.

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SPECIAL MAIL BID SALE OF LOVE TOKENS:

RULES: Bids must be in whole dollar amounts. Top bids will be billed including postage and appropriate insurance. In case of tie bids, the earliest received bid wins. The mail bid sale deadline is 30 days after publication in the LOVE LETTER. For a free copy of the mail bid sale, send a large (#10) envelope with 39¢ postage to Dr. Sol Taylor, P.O. Box 5465, N. Hollywood. A smattering of the over 200 love tokens includes: \$1 Types I, II, and III, \$2½ Classic, Liberty and Indian, \$3, \$5, and \$10, British Sovereigns of several types, Half sovereigns, pins, tie tacks, brooches, and clasps.

This should be a must for every collector of love tokens.
Thank you and good luck.



Initials JFK engraved on the reverse of an 1847 Coronet cent.



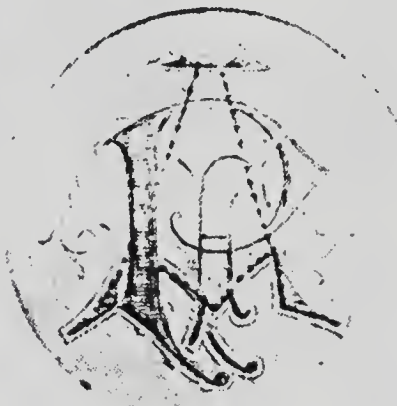
The initials G.R. to M.B. are inscribed on this 1851 \$1 gold coin.



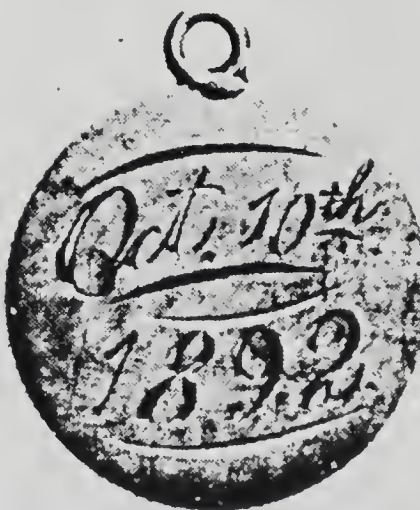
An 1834 Bust dime with the initial T.



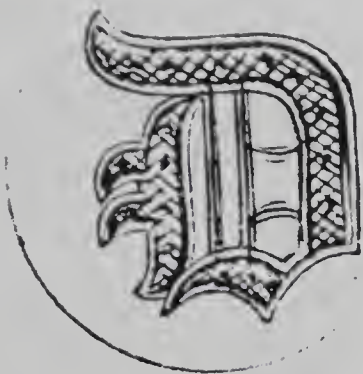
This scenic house by the lake is engraved on the reverse of an 1892 Coronet \$2.50 gold coin.



A Flying Eagle cent with initials PHA on the obverse.



OCT. 10, 1892, inscribed on this 1835 Capped Bust half dime.



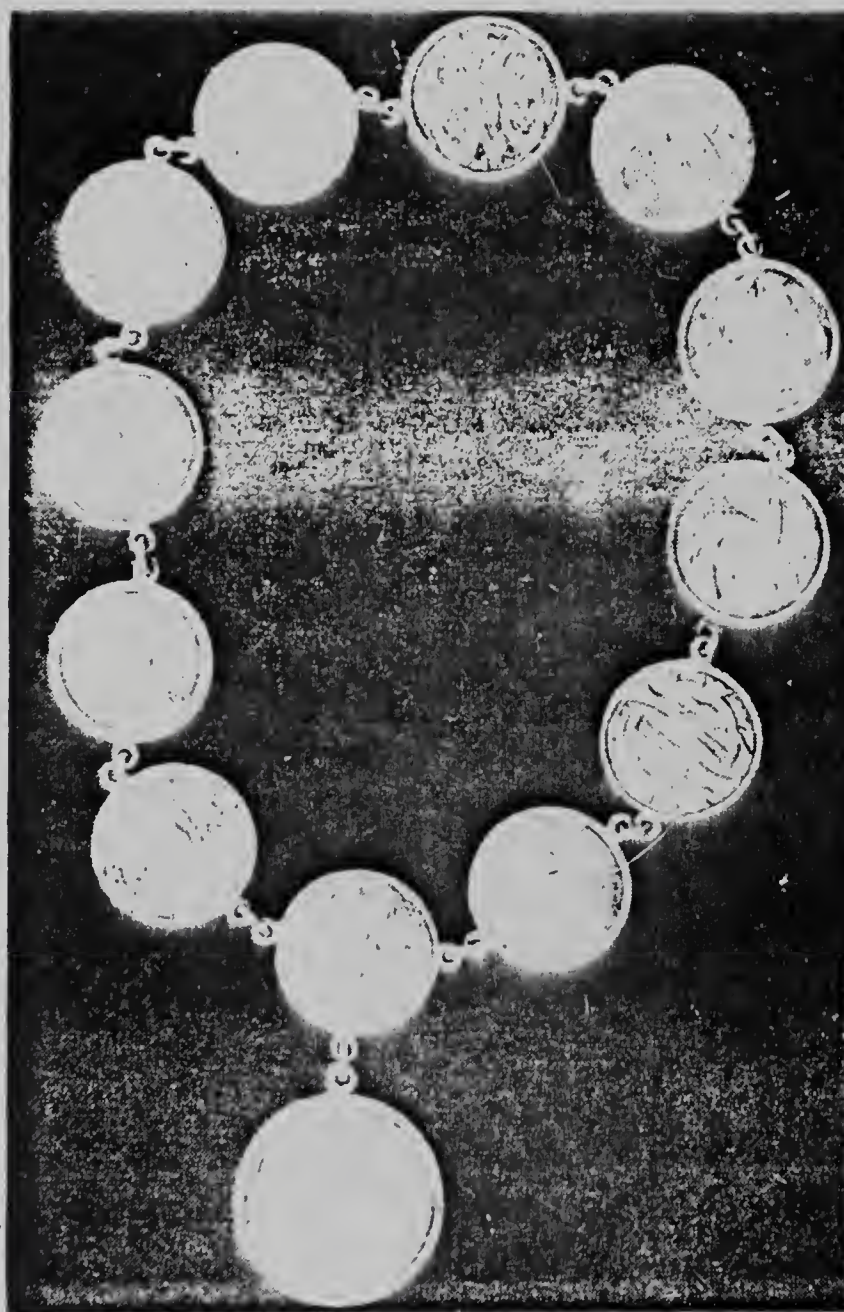
A fancy initial D is engraved on the obverse of this 1867 Shield 5-cent coin from the William F. Charlton type set collection.



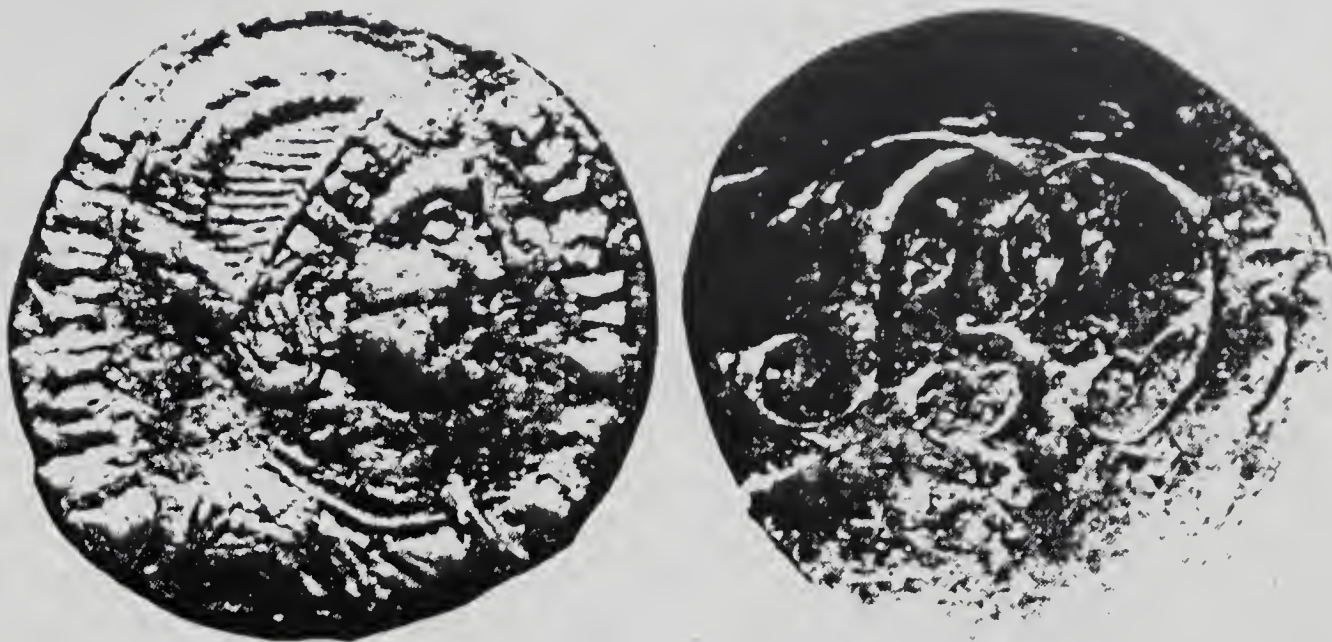
An 1876 Seated Liberty quarter dollar love token from Virgil Stites of Kentucky.



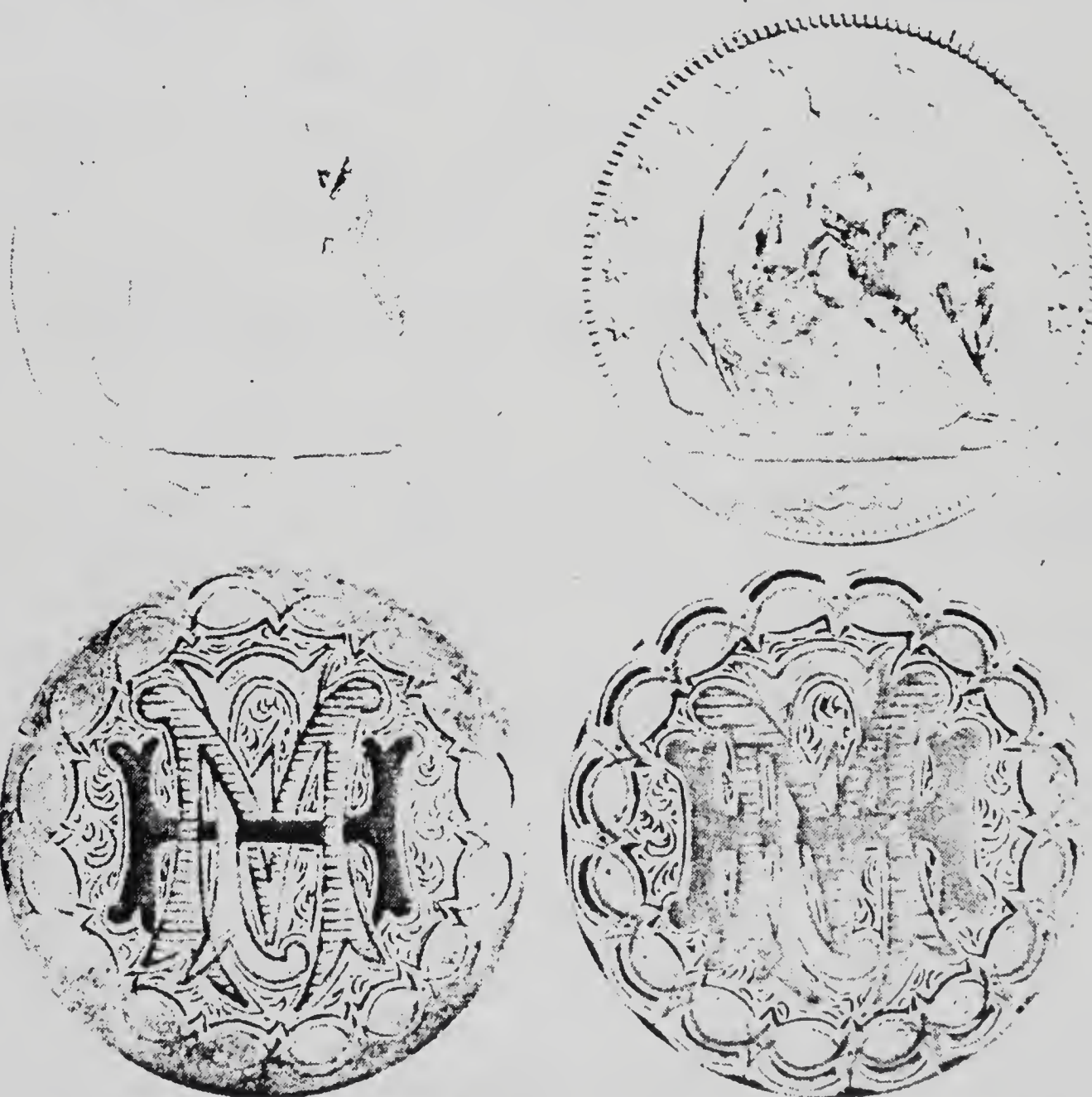
The name "Clara" artfully engraved on the reverse of a Seated Liberty quarter from the William F. Charlton type set collection.



Al Hrudka of Wisconsin sent in this photo of a necklace made from a U.S. Seated Liberty quarter dollar and 11 Canadian 25-cent pieces. A Canadian 50-cent pendant bearing the bust of Queen Victoria is attached to the end.



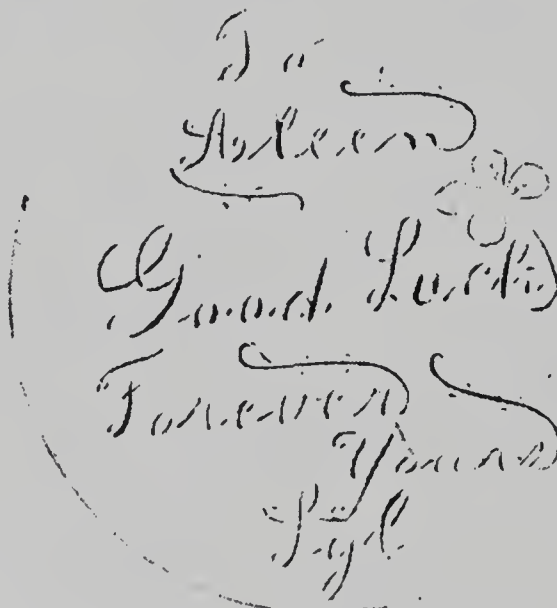
Bill Fivaz of Georgia sent in the above photos of non-contemporary engraving on a coin from ancient Rome.



Here we show a matched pair of fancy-engraved love tokens from the R.W. Colbert collection. The initials appear to be MFH. Notice the 1874 Seated Liberty, With Arrows half dollar shows much more wear which tends to suggest that these coins most likely served as a pair of cuff-links once and one wore more rapidly due to dragging of coat sleeve over a long period of time.



This 1882 Morgan dollar shows three Cs and M.A. initials on the reverse.



"To Aleen — Good Luck, Forever Yours, Lyl," is inscribed on the reverse of this 1922 Peace silver dollar.



A scenic lighthouse with initials GEAR on the obverse of an S-Mint, Winged Liberty Head dime.

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MAY/JUNE

1986



FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

\$751.49	Balance
85.00	Dues & Contributions
424.84	Expenses
<u>\$411.65</u>	Balance

Expenses:

Printing	\$208.36
Postage	177.48
Box Rental	29.00
Misc.	10.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$424.84</u>

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The President's Message

As I write this message and check the calendar, there is just six weeks until the 95th Anniversary Convention of the ANA in Milwaukee. I hope you have made your plans to attend and if not you still have time to make your reservations, if you hurry! Also, to bring that Love Token Exhibit. Just remember that you are only competing with other Love Token exhibits to win the award sponsored by the Love Token Society.

Be sure to plan on being at the LTS ANNUAL MEETING ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, at 11:00 A. M. in the MECCA room W-4. Just to be sure, check before the meeting, for there is always the possibility of a last minute change. There will be a short business meeting and then showing of slides, and if you have slide or two that you would like to show bring them and they can be added to showing. Also, bring along love tokens for showing and trading. If there is time enough, there will be an auction. Hope to have a speaker. Come and bring your suggestions, complaints and just have FUN.

Hope to see you in Milwaukee.



Autence A. Bason

Dear Mr. Lowry,

Feb. 14, 1986

I read the artical in Coin World on love tokens, and I would like very much to join the Love Token Society.

I would also like to let you know that we are in the Love Token buseness, we engrave Love Tokens on any coin our customer desires, with any name, date, holiday, or special occasion.

Our engraving is done to your specifications by a professional engraver. A price list is available upon request.

If at all possible we would also like to advertise in your bi-monthly newsletter. A reply from you, would be deeply appreciated. Referances available upon request.

Thank You

Robert Fabian

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Meadville, Penn.
16335

Delaware collectors view love tokens

The subject was valentines and the place was the Kent Coin Club Feb. 13 meeting in Delaware. The members gathered to have a Valentine's Day party and review the events since they last met.

The January meeting provided members with a number of show-and-tell participants. Cary Williams shared a counterfeit 1944 5-cent piece; David Patterson, some of his collection of odd-shaped coins of the world; Dr. Terry Bryan, savings banks from area banks; Russ Frank, a large aluminum Colombian Exposition medal with a 2-cent Colombian Expo Stamp stamp encased in mica.

Patterson also provided a report about a love token engraved on the reverse of an

1877 Seated Liberty dime. He later presented the program for the evening about seven-sided coins of the world.

Walter Michalik was accepted as a new member and an application from Clifford Mishler was read.

Club president Russ Frank has appointed several chairmen including Mark Elder, National Coin Week; Tom Mercer, newsletter; David Patterson, program; Mark Elder, publicity. The coin show, library, door prizes, show-and-tell, refreshments and picnic committees still need chairmen. Volunteers should contact Frank.

For more information about the club, write to: Kent Coin Club, Box 894, Dover, Del. 19903.

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Dick Harderki of Mass.

Judging from the Love stamp affixed to this letter - it appears love has gone to the dogs, or maybe I should say, love stamps has gone to the dogs(Ha!).

I did a little free-hand artwork on the cover in case you run short of material(to feature) and wish to use same to publish in one of the LTS letters. Who Knows?, maybe this will prompt others to try their hand when writing you.

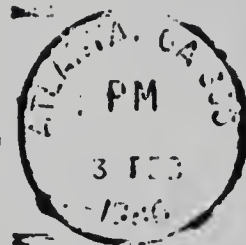
Keep up the good work,

All the best,



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JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER



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Income:

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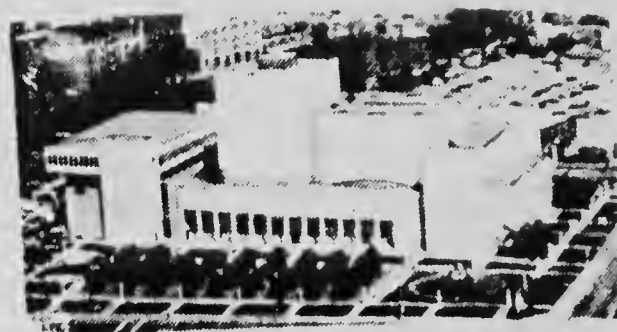
\$427.35 Balance

Expenses:

Printing	\$67.73
Postage	8.77
<u>Misc.</u>	<u>7.80</u>

Expenses \$84.30

MILWAUKEE
ANA
August 6-10, 1986



NOTICE: Due to financial considerations, publication of the Love Letter will be delayed one month for this and the next issue. There will thus be one less issue this year. The Editor.

From the President:

Our annual meeting at ANA in Milwaukee has come and gone and to those who attended, I hope you enjoyed the meeting and feel it was well worth the effort. We are happy to report that there were three Love Token Exhibits. Our own Judith Schwan, Leavenworth, Kansas, won 3rd place; Kenneth Barr, San Jose, California, 2nd place; and non-member William Fuchs, Waukesha, Wisconsin, 1st place. They were good exhibits and we want to thank them for their work and sharing their collections with us. We will be looking forward to the Atlanta ANA Convention and will be expecting many more exhibits. There were six exhibits the last time in Atlanta.

Be sure to send in your ballots for the new officers for 1987.

Please send in your 1987 dues promptly and check to see if you paid your 1986 dues...several of our faithful members failed to do so and we do not want to lose you.

There will be membership cards issued this year, sorry we ran out of cards and funds. Cards have been donated to the Society.

Happy collecting.

Autence A. Bason

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Autence
Bason

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Convention Business

A proposition was made and carried that the President and Secretary/Treasurer be authorized to increase dues in the range of \$5-10. There was some discussion and opposition to this idea and that alternative fund raising techniques be sought. One idea suggested was a charity auction for the benefit of the LTS. Several auctioneers agreed to conduct the auction. A committee composed of Ken Barr, Autence Bason, and Art Gershman was formed to explore the idea. An additional idea which your secretary submits respectfully at this time is to charge for advertising in the Love Letter. Advertising has been free in the past, on an as-available basis. Please write if you have further thoughts. A \$100.00 donation was made and received by the LTS to be used for awards at local shows. The fund was received by the Treasurer and will be administered by Autence Bason. Thank you Bob Dempsey for this wonderful contribution to the furtherence of education in the field which we all hold so dear. Of course this contribution does nothing to solve our financial woes, since the money is already earmarked for a special purpose. A silver love token with the inscription "Florence" was presented by the Basons to ANA President Florence Schook. The gift was warmly received. A motion to consider regionalization of the LTS was discussed and tabled. Autence Bason announced her intention to resign as President. A new slate of officers was organized as follows:

President-Lloyd L. Entenmann of New Jersey
Vice Pres.-Judith Murphy of North Carolina
Secretary/Treas.-The Gershmans of Virginia

If there are any further nominations, please send them to your Secretary before the end of the year. Ken Hallenbeck, in response to a statement from the floor, announced that he would personally see to it that the love token slide set maintained by the ANA would be refurbished. The business of the meeting was concluded and a slide show of fascinating love tokens was presented. This report is respectfully submitted by your Secretary for your approval.

Aut.

THINK IT OVER

Are you an active member
The kind who would be missed?
Or are you just contented that
Your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock;
Or do you stay away
And criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along;
Or are you satisfied to be
The kind who "just belongs"?

Do you ever work on committees
To see there is no trick;
Or leave the work to just a few
And talk about the "clique"?

Do come to the meeting often
And help with hand and heart;
Don't just be a member,
But take an active part.

So think this over, friend,
You know right from wrong;
Are you just a member,
Or do you....really belong?

- Anonymous

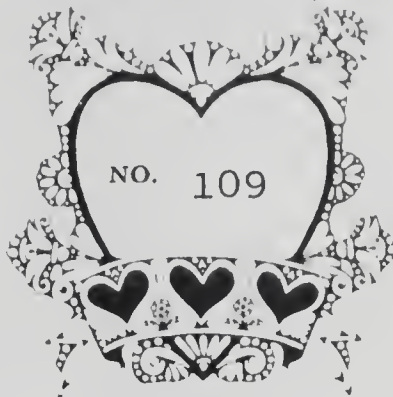
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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

1987



FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

327.35	Balance
100.00	Fund for Plaques
30.00	Dues
81.30	<u>Expenses</u>
376.05	Balance

Expenses:

Printing	67.19
Postage	5.11
Misc.	<u>9.00</u>
Expenses	81.30

Election of Officers

At the Milwaukee meeting in August, nominations were made for officers to serve for the year 1987. A ballot is enclosed with this letter which you are earnestly requested to fill in and return within 10 days. Please return it to the Secretary: Arthur Gershman, P. O. Box 16421, Arlington, VA 22215.

Dues

Dues for 1987 are now due. There has been no increase in dues for several years, and the \$5.00 fee is no longer sufficient to support the present bi-monthly newsletter. Also the expense of our meeting at the A.N.A. annual, and now the mid-year convention, has added an additional burden.

At the Milwaukee meeting it was generally agreed an increase is mandatory, but an increase to \$10.00 may just meet our budget, but would be tight. Any amount less than that would require a reduction in the "Love Letter". Some members felt an increase in dues would effect a membership decrease. This matter has to be addressed and settled at the February meeting in Charlotte, N.C. Your reaction is also earnestly requested on the referendum at the bottom of the ballot.

Your Officers want to give you the best service with what you contribute to work with.

Membership Committee

Your Officers recognize the need to increase our membership and are looking into some possibilities. In this area, a greater input is necessary from the present membership, which is very sparsely scattered throughout the 50 States.

By this article, we are soliciting Volunteers for participation on a membership committee to offer suggestions and hopefully cover media aid in your immediate area.

Your comments, suggestions, and help are sincerely and urgently requested. Please contact: Lloyd L. Entenmann, 130 Cornell Road, Audubon, N.J. 08106; telephone: 609-547-2857 (collect).

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I am interested in serving as a regional representative

Comments:

Signed:

Love Letter News

The Editor is always looking for material to appear in the "Love Letter". Share your hobby with those who have the same interest! If you are looking for a specific piece, or have one or more you want to sell or trade, send it in and it will appear in the next issue. If you have a special piece, tell us about it!

Atlanta Exhibit

Last August we had only three (3) exhibits at the A.N.A. Milwaukee Convention. In 1987, the A.N.A. Convention will be in Atlanta, Georgia, August 26 through 30. The last time the Convention was in Atlanta was in 1977. At that time we had six (6) Love Token exhibits. Let us try to beat that in 1987!

The LTS will be at the Mid-Winter A.N.A. convention.

Contact Lloyd Entenmann at the Quality Inn in Charlotte.



Edwin Beard, c. 1870.
COURTESY OF CLINTON AND NANCY BEARD

Token of an Illinois Soldier

MICHAEL GOODRICH ANA 118753

and if so, what became of him afterward? I then undertook a study of the soldier's history. It proved to be a fascinating story.

EDWIN BEARD WAS BORN on January 4, 1839, in New Sharon, Maine, the son of Ebenezer Beard of Franklin County.¹ Some time prior to the outbreak of the Civil War, he moved to Illinois.

According to the Adjutant General's report for the State of Illinois, on September 25, 1861, Edwin Beard was one of the first group of volunteers from the little town of Ophir, Illinois, to enlist for a three-year term of service in the battalion known as "Yates' Sharpshooters," which became part of the distinguished 64th Illinois Infantry Regiment.²

The First Battalion of Yates' Sharpshooters, consisting of four companies (one of which was Beard's Company A), was organized at Camp Butler, Illinois, in December 1861. After two additional companies were mustered into service on December 31, the battalion was ordered to Quincy, where it was armed.

Their first engagement took place down the Mississippi River in southeast Missouri at New Madrid, where they made a successful night attack, forcing an eventual Confederate withdrawal. The entire battalion subsequently was engaged in the siege of Corinth, Mississippi, being con-

tinuously on the picket and skirmish line from April 22 to June 10, 1862, where they were in "the advance of Pope's army, generally a mile in front, more than half the time without tents, and always sleeping on their arms."³ The great battle of Corinth, fought on the third and fourth of October, saw Yates' Sharpshooters heavily involved; 70 of its men were among the killed, wounded or missing.

THE BATTALION SPENT the next year in northern Mississippi hunting guerrillas, scouting and erecting fortifications. On November 4, 1863, it moved to Iuka and then on to Pulaski, Tennessee, forming a part of Sherman's army of 60,000 as it swept through Alabama and Tennessee, a preliminary to the great campaign of the next summer.

When, in 1863, it became clear that the war would not come to an early end, a national effort was made to encourage volunteer soldiers to reenlist as "veteran volunteers." In the latter part of December, after more than two years of active service and direct involvement in 18 major confrontations, the battalion was sent north for veteran furlough and recruitment. More than three-fourths of the surviving Yates' Sharpshooters, including Edwin Beard, chose to reenlist. The date noted on Beard's token, December 24, 1863, commemorates his reenlistment as a veteran volunteer.

On their return to Tennessee, the men of the 64th Illinois were assigned to the 4th Division of the 16th Army Corps, which joined General Sherman's army. As



This engraved Seated Liberty quarter served as a "dog tag" for Edwin Beard of the 64th Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

Sherman approached Resaca in northwest Georgia, the 64th was employed to drive the Confederates into their works and was importantly involved until the enemy retreated on May 16, 1864. By this time Edwin Beard had been detached to the Divisional Pioneers, which operated much like modern-day combat engineers, performing such tasks as bridging streams, improving roads and constructing fortifications, frequently working under enemy fire. Beard's division, with the 64th Illinois prominent in the action, then successfully fought at Dallas, New Hope Church and other smaller engagements leading to the foot of Kennesaw Mountain.

At the great battle of Kennesaw Mountain, the division, and the 64th Illinois in particular, played a leading role. When the Confederates fell back on July 3, 1864, the flag of the 64th Illinois was the first on

NOTES

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7. Beard.
8. *Langlade County Special*, January 14, 1893.
9. *Pension Record of Edwin Beard*, National Archives, WC 387.079.

IN 1984 I OBTAINED from a local coin dealer of long acquaintance a unique piece of Civil War memorabilia. It consists of a variety 1 Seated Liberty quarter dollar, with its obverse features planed off and an inscription added, as was commonly practiced in making love tokens during the latter part of the 19th century. This particular inscription, EDWIN BEARD / CO. A. / 64" ILL. / V. V. / DEC. 24", 1863, identifies a Civil War soldier and his company. The reverse bears two solder marks, indicating that the token once was fastened to another metal surface, perhaps a belt buckle, money clip or item of equipment carried by the soldier as he moved with his regiment. In this way, it served as a "dog tag," identifying the soldier should he be killed or wounded in combat.

I tried to imagine the circumstances that surrounded the soldier who once possessed this token. Where did the war take him? Did he survive the period of conflict,

A graduate of Pennsylvania State University with a Ph.D. in entomology, MICHAEL GOODRICH is a professor and chairman of the Department of Zoology at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. An active collector of Civil War. Hard Times and other early U.S. tokens, Goodrich is a member

which provided substantially more firepower than the muzzleloaders in general use during the Civil War.

patent for his invention of a log canter, a device with a movable block, used for canting, or turning over, heavy logs. By the 1890s Beard was employed by the Pacific Boiler Company, installing boilers and flywheels for electricity-generating plants. It was in the performance of this work that Edwin came to an untimely end.

The following newspaper report from the *Langlade County Special* of Saturday, January 14, 1893, is written in the graphic style of the times:

Edward [sic] Beard, one of our highly respected citizens of the 4th Ward, met with a horrible death at Kaukauna Tuesday. Mr. Beard was employed by the Pacific Boiler Co. and was putting up a new boiler for the Electric Light Works at Kaukauna. While at work he slipped and fell in a room where a large 16-foot wheel was located. He was wound around several times, then thrown against the wall and fell to the floor, a corpse. After examining him, they found his skull was smashed and his body bruised in several places. It was thought when the accident happened that he was figuring out the revolutions of the drive wheel. As he fell he called for help but the machinist could not stop the wheel quick enough to prevent the accident. Mr. Beard leaves a widow and 8 children, 6 boys and 2 girls, to mourn his untimely death. He was 55 [sic] years old and buried under the auspices of the Grand Army Post of this city on Thurs. AM.⁸

Only 45 years old at the time, Adelia applied for and received Edwin's military pension, which amounted to \$8 per month, plus \$2 each for her four children under 16, giving her a total pension of \$16 per month.⁹

She succumbed to cancer on December 12, 1920. During the last years of her life she lived with her son Ralph L. Beard (her sixth child), who was only 14 when his father was killed. Seven children survived Adelia, and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren are alive today.

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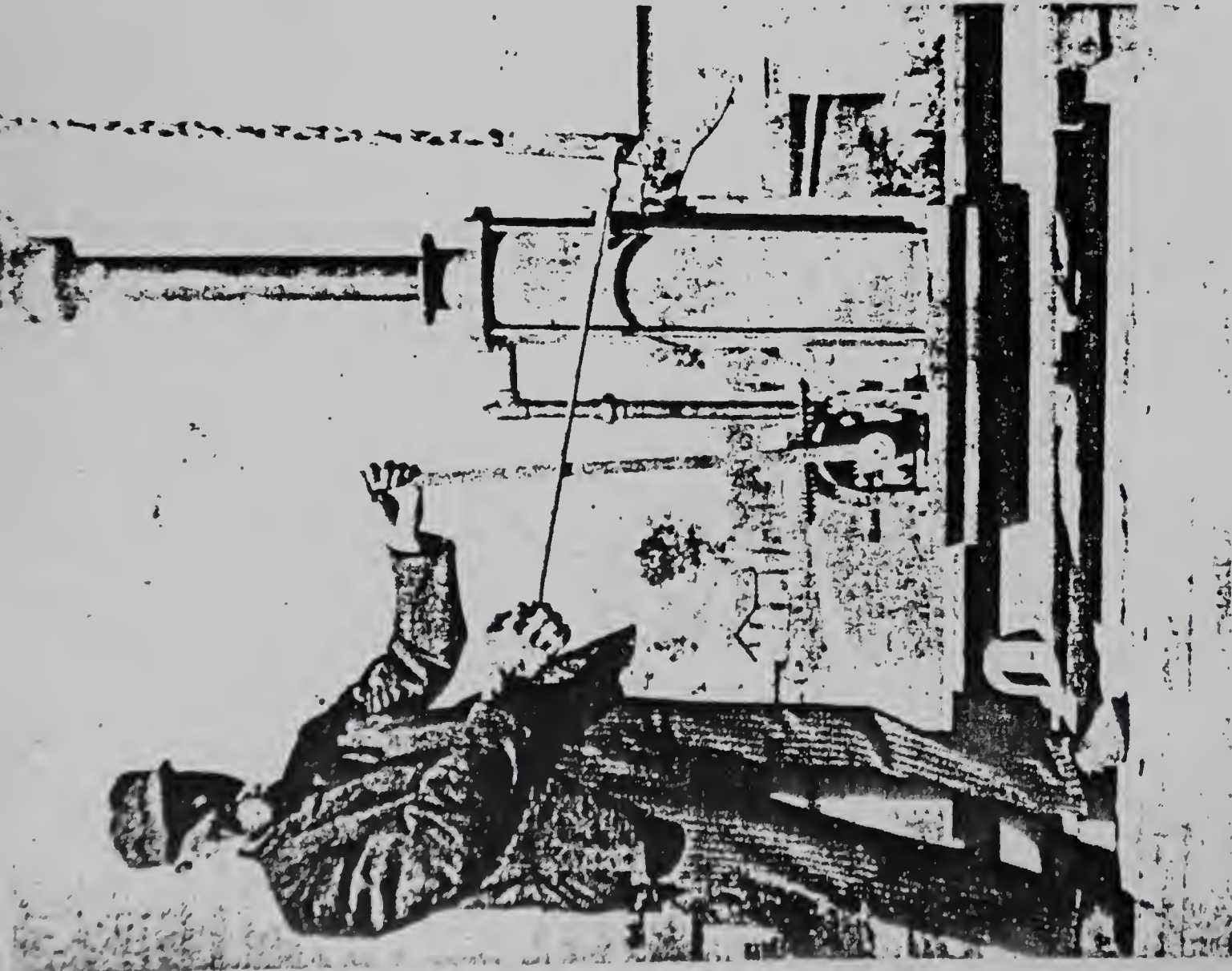
Ask the Editor

ON SEPTEMBER 23, 1864, the 64th Illinois was transferred to the 17th Army Corps, which commenced pursuit of General Hood, ultimately leading them to Atlanta. Beard missed the battle of Atlanta because he was home on convalescent leave. His service record shows he was hospitalized 16 times for dysentery and similar ailments, a result of the rigorous conditions under which soldiers served in those days.⁵ Many men of the 64th simply lay down, never to get up again.⁶ In most cases, Beard was "returned to service" within a few days; however, in October 1864 his illness was sufficient for him to be sent home on furlough.

Beard took advantage of his furlough to marry Adelia Catherine Knapp on October 20, 1864, in Ottawa, Illinois.⁷ For a good deal of late 1864 and early 1865 Beard was hospitalized, and missed much of Sherman's "march to the sea" and the triumphant invasion of the Carolinas. However, Beard returned to duty in May 1865 and therefore participated in the last part of the Carolina campaign and the Grand Review in Washington on May 24, 1865. Afterward, he moved with the regiment to Louisville, Kentucky, where the entire regiment was mustered out on July 11, 1865. It may be noted that Edwin Beard served throughout the entire life of the 64th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, from its initial organization in the Autumn of 1861 until deactivation in July 1865.

At the close of the war, Edwin and Adelia established residence in Ottawa, Illinois, where they lived until some time in the early 1870s. By 1874 they were in Chicago; from there they moved to Milwaukee in 1880; to Summit Lake, Wisconsin, in 1883; and finally, in 1887, to Antigo in Langlade County, Wisconsin. Between 1866 and 1888 the Beard's had nine children, eight of whom survived to adulthood.

ALTHOUGH BEARD DESCRIBED himself as a farmer when he enlisted in the infantry in 1861, after the war he took up a technological career. He held a U.S.



Edwin Beard demonstrates his "log canter" invention, c. 1890.

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the mountain! Casualties in that action alone numbered 57.

Losses continued to mount as the division crossed the Chattahoochee River and advanced on Nance's Creek, then Decatur. (The regiment succeeded in recapturing the field glasses and papers of Major General McPherson, who was killed in ac-

tion while marching to the support of his command, the 17th Division.) In these battles, the 64th Illinois suffered a total of 122 casualties.⁴ The 64th's successful defense against vigorous attacks led by Confederate General Hood may be attributed, in part, to the fact that the regiment was armed with Henry repeating rifles,

Krueger exonumia auction

Kurt R. Krueger's 1986 spring Americana/exonumia mail-bid sale with a closing date of May 28 realized \$88,511.

The mail-bid sale consisted of 6,000 lots ranging from love tokens to military memorabilia.

Highlights of the love tokens included Lot 1009, an 1873 Trade dollar with inscription "A.L.P. to L.A.K. Sept. 15, 1873" in About Uncirculated which realized \$110. Lot 1028, an 1878 Morgan dollar with inscription "Nellie" in Extremely Fine with pin-back brought a bid of \$210.

A gold \$5 piece, Lot 1068, inscribed with "R.F.E." with pin-back and chain brought \$160.

Lot 1119 offered a set of 15 British coppers from the 1700s with different engravings. The set was bid to \$425.

A love token necklace with 13 quarter dollars and one silver dollar with family names brought \$775 for Lot 1129. A bracelet with five Liberty Head gold dollars with initials engraved brought a \$455 bid for Lot 1131.



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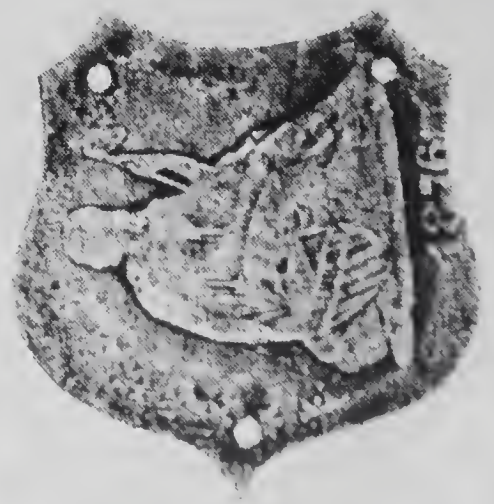
Connoisseurship

10:45 AM HANDS-ON WORKSHOPS
(Each session will run twice in this period.)

1. METALS TESTING
Alan Revere
2. GEM IDENTIFICATION WITHOUT INSTRUMENTS
Dr. William Hanneman
3. LOVE TOKENS
Gail Levine, GG

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At right, an 1876 Seated Liberty quarter has been cut and engraved, converting it into a love token.

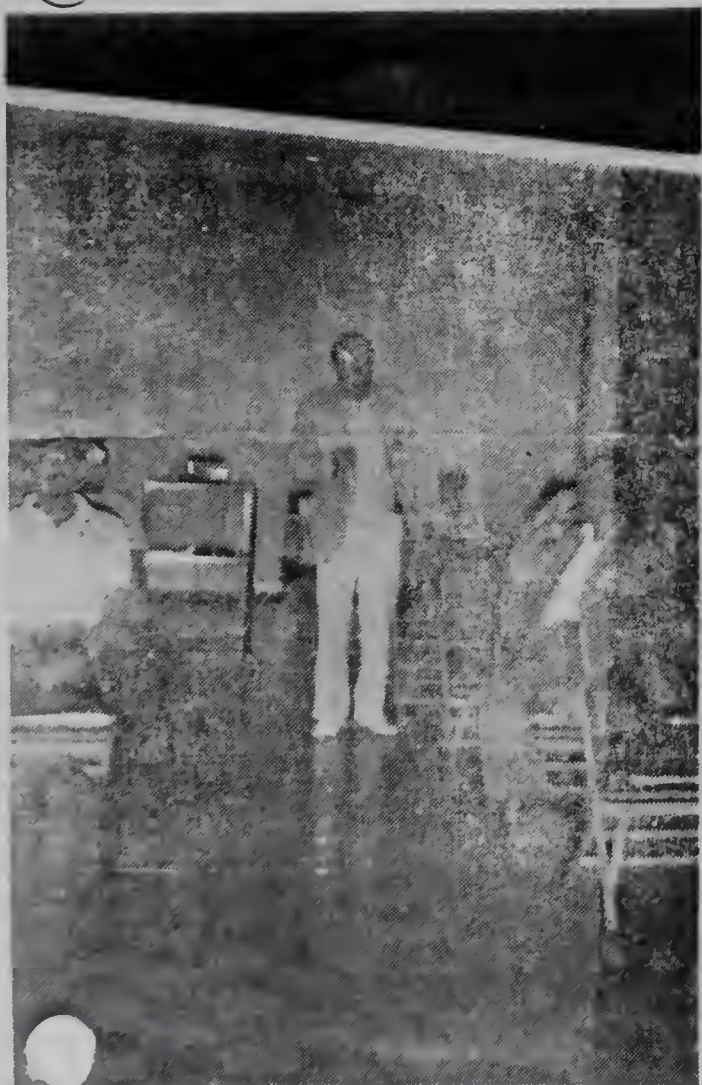




Bob Dempsey presents a \$100 educational grant.



ANA President Schook receives "Florence" love token from LTS President Bason.



Ken Wallenbeck, LTS and ANA board member, takes the floor.



Florence Schook displays her favorite love token while Lloyd Entenmann beams approval.



Judith Murphy and Autence display their love token jewelry. Oh-la-la !